Listing of the Claims:

The following is a complete listing of all the claims in the application, with an indication of the status of each:

1   1 (Currently Amended). A multilingual conversation assist system for
2   assisting a conversation between users of a plurality of languages,
3   comprising:
4   a ~~first~~ control means ~~for setting~~ prompting a user to select a
5   conversational situation; and
6   a ~~second means for~~ database storing common conceptual
7   information about at least two languages available for multilingual
8   conversations and a plurality of subdatabases, one subdatabase for each of
9   said at least two languages storing data available to a conversation, each of
10   said subdatabases including an area for storing data for setting a
11   conversational situation, a control section for storing a control program for
12   said control means for reading the setting data of the conversation situation
13   and displaying language units corresponding to the selected conversation
14   situation, and an area for storing language units that are used for said at
15   least two languages,
16   wherein displaying of a language unit is made ~~effectively~~ effective
17   using multimedia so as each language unit is represented by a graphic
18   image corresponding to a particular language unit, a language unit
19   presented is in a first language, a phonetic expression of said language unit
20   in second language, and voice output activation corresponding to the
21   language unit presented in the second language.

1   2 (Original). The system according to claim 1, wherein said first means for
2   setting the conversational situation displays predetermined options and has
3   a structure of repeating a step of selecting one of said options a plural
4   number of times.

1   3 (Currently Amended). The system according to claim 1, wherein ~~said~~

2   ~~language units are stored as a database and wherein~~ the language units

3   corresponding to the set conversational situation are searched for <u>in said</u>

4   <u>subdatabase</u> and displayed.

1   4 (Currently Amended). The multilingual conversation assist system

2   according to claim 2, wherein said options are displayed by using said

3   language units stored in said ~~database~~ <u>subdatabase</u> or a part thereof.

1   5 (Currently Amended). The ~~multilingual conversation assist~~ system

2   according to claim 2, wherein options over a plurality of stages for setting

3   said conversational situation are stored in a first area of <u>a</u> ~~said database~~

4   <u>subdatabase</u> while said language units are stored in a second area of said

5   ~~database~~ <u>subdatabase</u>, and wherein one of said options is successively

6   selected from said first area of said ~~database~~ <u>subdatabase</u> to search and to

7   display next-stage options in accordance with the selected option until one

8   of final stage options is selected, and the language unit that corresponds to

9   said selected option is searched from said second area of said ~~database~~

10   <u>subdatabase</u> to be displayed.

1   6 (Previously Presented). The system according to claim 2, wherein a

2   plurality of language units are selected in a step of selecting options in a

3   plurality of stages and wherein said selected plurality of language units are

4   combined together and displayed.

1   7 (Currently Amended). The system according to claim 6, wherein said

2   selected plurality of language units are combined and displayed in

3   compliance with a syntax rule previously stored in said second area of said

4   ~~database~~ <u>subdatabase</u>.

1 8 (Original). The system according to claim 1, wherein said language unit
2 includes a combination selected from any or all of a character expression
3 in a first language, a character expression in a second language, a
4 corresponding image display, a phonetic expression of a pronunciation in
5 the second language with phonetic symbols in the first language, and a
6 voice representation in the second language.

1 9 (Original). The system according to claim 3, further comprising a server
2 storing said database.

1 10 (Original). The system according to claim 9, further comprising a
2 communication device to which all or part of said database is downloaded
3 by means of a communication with said server.

1 11 (Original). The system according to claim 3, further comprising a
2 storage medium in which said database is previously stored.

1 12 (Original). The system according to claim 3, further comprising a
2 portable device provided with a storage unit in which said database is
3 previously stored.

1 13 (New). The system according to claim 1, wherein each said subdatabase
2 contains an area for storing data for setting a converstational situation, said
3 area including a second-stage option table and a second-stage query which
4 includes a language unit connection field of the second-stage option table
5 to indicate whether or not a next language unit is present.

1 14 (New). A multilingual conversation assist system for assisting a
2 conversation between users of a plurality of languages, comprising:
3   control means for prompting a user to select a conversational

4   situation;

5   a database storing common conceptual information about at least

6   two languages available for multilingual conversations, said database

7   including

8   a single basic table storing a common conception of language to

9   each of the languages,

10   a plurality of tables for storing language data for conversations in

11   each language, and

12   a plurality of subdatabases for each pair of possible combination of

13   languages available for multilingual conversation, each said

14   subdatabase containing an area for storing data for setting a

15   conversational situation, said area including a second-stage

16   option table and a second-stage option query which includes

17   a language unit connection field of the second-stage option

18   table to indicate whether or not a next language is present;

19   and

20   display means for displaying language units corresponding to

21   selected conversation situation, wherein said control means accesses said

22   database and controls said display means to display each language unit as a

23   graphic image corresponding to a particular language unit, a language unit

24   presented in a first language, a phonetic expression of said language unit is

25   a second language, and voice output activation corresponding to the

26   language unit in the second language.

1   15 (New). The system according to claim 14, wherein said control means,

2   in response to setting a conversational situation, controls said display

3   means to display predetermined options.

1   16 (New). The system according to claim 14, wherein said options are

2   displayed by using said language units stored in said database.